

CLAIMS

1. A digital content management system comprising:

a digital content server device to store a digital content encrypted;

a license server device to generate and transmit license data containing a use condition of the digital content and a decryption key to decrypt the digital content; and

a client device that is connected to the digital content server device and the license server device via a network, to receive the digital content from the digital content server device, to receive the license data from the license server device, and based on a condition for use defined by the use condition in the license data, to decide whether or not to decrypt the digital content with the decryption key contained in the license data,

a digital content use right management system, wherein

the license server device generates the license data containing an available location of the digital content as the use condition, and

the client device includes a current location identifying means to obtain a current location, and a license data processing means to compare the current location obtained by the current location identifying means with the available location contained in the use condition in the license data, and to decide whether or not to perform a decryption of the digital content.

2. The digital content management system of claim 1 further comprising a piece of equipment in need of a maintenance work by a maintainer, the piece of equipment storing an ID value to uniquely identify the piece of equipment, and having a broadcasting means to broadcast the ID value to a periphery of the piece of equipment,

wherein the digital content server device stores a maintenance manual of the

piece of equipment in an encrypted state as the digital content,

the license server device generates the license data containing the ID value of the piece of equipment as the use condition,

the location identifying means obtains the ID value broadcasted by the
5 broadcasting means of the piece of equipment, and

the license data processing means decides whether or not to perform the decryption of the digital content, by comparing the current location obtained by the location identifying means with the available location in the license data, and by comparing the ID value broadcasted by the broadcasting means with the ID value in the
10 license data.

3. The digital content management system of claim 1, wherein

the license server device generates the license data additionally containing an available time of the digital content as the use condition, and

15 the license processing means decides whether or not to perform the decryption of the digital content, by comparing the current location obtained by the location identifying means with the available location in the license data, and by comparing a current time with the available time in the license data.

20 4. The digital content management system of claim 3, wherein the license server device transmits the license data only for a prescribed number of times or less.